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Honorable U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein
331 Hart Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, D.C. 20510

Honorable Representative John Garamendi
2438 Rayburn HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Senator Feinstein and Representative Garamendi:

On behalf of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy (Delta Conservancy), I am writing in support of pending federal legislation S.228 (Feinstein) and H.R. 1004 (Garamendi) – *The Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area Establishment Act*. This legislation would designate the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta as the first National Heritage Area (NHA) in the State of California.

The Delta Conservancy has been working in partnership with the Delta Protection Commission on the Delta Branding and Marketing Project - to brand and market the Delta as a destination, agricultural hub, cultural landscape, and to develop a brand for the proposed NHA and Great California Delta Trail. This process has incorporated widespread public outreach to ensure that local Delta stakeholders are included in the Brand development process. We have also partnered on the Holland Union Gakuen Charrette – an event which will develop a sustainable vision for Clarksburg's Japanese Language School, one of the few remaining pre-World War II Japanese language schools in the State of California.

Please let us know if you have any questions or comments. Once again, the Delta Conservancy supports pending federal legislation S.228 (Feinstein) and H.R. 1004 (Garamendi) to designate the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta as a National Heritage Area. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Campbell Ingram
Executive Officer

cc: Erik Vink, Delta Protection Commission